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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SUMMER TROLL FISHERY UPDATE

The department estimates that by 11:59 p.m., Monday, August 31, 2020, the second summer troll Chinook salmon retention period target harvest, and remaining portion of the annual troll allocation, of 50,600 Chinook salmon will be reached.

The Southeast Alaska/Yakutat all-gear Chinook salmon allowable treaty catch for 2020 is 201,100 fish. With an estimated all-gear treaty Chinook salmon harvest to date of 187,730 fish, approximately 13,370 remain. This remaining treaty allocation is the unharvested portion of the commercial net and recreational sport fisheries, most notably in the recreational sport fishery, which was under its allocation largely due to travel restrictions associated with COVID-19. The remaining treaty allocations by gear group are provided in the table below.

Notwithstanding the completed harvest of the annual troll allocation, the second summer Chinook salmon retention period will remain open until further notice to harvest the remaining all-gear Chinook salmon allowable catch.

The remaining 2020 all-gear Chinook salmon allowable treaty catch by gear group is as follows:

	Allowable	Treaty	Remaining	
Gear Group	Treaty Catch	Catch	Allowable Catch	
Set Gillnet	1,000	280	720	
Purse Seine	8,650	5,170	3,480	
Drift Gillnet	5,830	2,970	2,860	
Sport	37,120	30,810	6,310	
Troll	148,500	148,500	0	
Total	201,100	187,730	13,370	

Trollers are reminded that the waters of frequent high king salmon abundance, described in 5 AAC 29.025 remain closed.

The 2020 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the troll website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

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